Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, and is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and,

Whereas, There are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and,

Whereas, The Rotary Motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and,

Whereas, In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and,

Whereas, Polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and,

Whereas, Rotary has contributed more than one billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2 billion children in 122 countries; and,

Whereas, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and,

Whereas, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute $8 billion to the effort; and,

Whereas, There are over 2,000 Rotary club members in more than 43 clubs throughout this District 5610 sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2015, as

WORLD POLIO DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State